



California Sen. Denise Moreno Ducheny, left, chair of the Border Legislative Conference, Mexico Federal Sen. Emma Lucia Larios Gaxiola, Mexico Federal Sen. Lazara Nelly Gonzalez Aguilar and BLC Vice Chair Coahuila Diputado Ramiro Flores Morales.

COOPERATING ACROSS THE BORDER

In April, members of The Council of State Governments Border Legislative Conference held joint meetings with Border Governors Conference representatives, Environment Work Table and Logistics and International Crossings Work Table in Tempe, Ariz., to discuss areas of cooperation in the border region. The 21st Border Legislative Conference focused on sustainable energy for the border region, continuing strong federal-state relations, and repatriation of juveniles. Arizona Senate Bill 1070, which had then passed the state's House, was the topic of conversation. Most in attendance expressed concern about the law's ramifications for binational cooperation. For more, visit http://www.borderlegislators.org/21XXI_eng.htm

Preventing Child Abuse

Mike Robinson, deputy executive director of The Council of State Governments, recently took office as president of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. Robinson has served on the board for four years after learning about the organization while serving as commissioner of Kentucky's Department for Community Based Services. "The toughest thing for me as commissioner of DCBS was hearing about a child fatality due to neglect and/or abuse." Robinson said. "It was the one issue that was constantly on my mind and kept me awake at night." After retiring from state government, Robinson was asked to join the board. "It gave me the chance to stay involved with a critical issue, the safety of children. Hopefully, we can continue to make a difference."



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